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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To whom it may concern;

Please stop wasting our taxpayer dollars supporting the efforts to prosecute Microsoft. The proposed terms of the agreement are going to be difficult for Microsoft to implement and ultimately will harm the consumer in all areas of business. Microsoft is being persecuted for being successful. The United States of America is a capitalist society and should always reward capitalistic behaviour. The claims by the plaintiffs are rife with competitor bashing. If Microsoft competitors cannot win on business level they should not be allowed to win via the courts.

The consumer has NOT been harmed by Microsoft's continuous innovation. In fact, just the opposite is true. Personal computers have become a required tool for in modern society for the home, education and business consumers. Microsoft and the thousands of software developers that have innovated upon the Microsoft platform should be thanked. Microsoft helped create an industry and hundreds of thousands of jobs. The tax revenue alone from these jobs should be considered as great windfalls for some parts of the country - computers being built in North Dakota and in Idaho. Software developers being able to innovate from anywhere - assured that their work will be able to operate on an industry standard platform. Based on the feedback and constant attention to detail the Microsoft Corporation has continued to evolve and innovate the platform by which hardware and software vendors create their livelihood. The personal computer industry is an industry surrounded and founded upon innovation. Microsoft and the thousands of software and hardware developers that have been able to build upon a secure, stable, and innovative platform should be thanked. Microsoft should not be penalized for helping companies succeed. Microsoft should not be forced to become anti-capitalistic.

Please stop wasting my taxpayer dollars to support the frivolous and groundless claims against Microsoft. Please help the economy return to normal by fostering competition - not squashing it with legal rhetoric.

Thank you for your time,

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